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The Honorable Rick Perry
Governor of Texas
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Governor Perry:

This is in response to your May 16, 2013, request for a major disaster declaration for the State of Texas as a result of an explosion on April 17, 2013. You specifically requested Public Assistance, including direct federal assistance, for McLennan County and Hazard Mitigation statewide.

On April 19, 2013, President Obama authorized emergency declaration FEMA-3363-EM for the State of Texas. The emergency declaration and subsequent amendments authorized the Individuals and Households Program and assistance for debris removal and emergency protective measures (Categories A and B), including direct federal assistance, under the Public Assistance program for McLennan County.

Based on our review of all of the information available, it has been determined that the remaining cost for permanent work is within the capabilities of the state and affected local governments. Accordingly, we have determined that a major disaster declaration is not necessary. Therefore, I must inform you that your request for a major disaster declaration is denied.

This denial may be appealed within 30 days after the date of this letter. Any appeal pursuant to 44 CFR § 206.46, along with additional information justifying the appeal, should be submitted to the President through George A. Robinson, Regional Administrator, FEMA Region VI, located at:

800 North Loop 288
Denton, Texas 76209-3698

I regret that we could not respond favorably to your request.

Sincerely,

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W. Craig Fugate
Administrator